

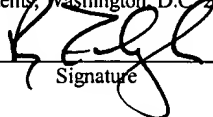


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Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the cited art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being submitted before the mailing of the first office action on the merits. Applicants believe that no fee is required. If a fee is required, please charge any fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0383 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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